

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Project: ANC Lk Hood Runway Protection  
Zone, Project No. 52336

### **Re: Request for Public Scoping Comments**

Dear Adjacent Property Occupant:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is soliciting comments and information on a proposal to purchase six private residential parcels (approximately 1.5 acres) within the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) adjacent to the north end of the Lake Hood Runway 31-13 at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC). The proposed project area is located within in Section 27, Township 13 North, Range 4 West. The project topography can be reviewed with USGS map Anchorage A-8 NW.

#### **Purpose and Need**

The purpose of the proposed project is to acquire property within the RPZ limits in order to rectify existing incompatible land use and restrict future incompatible land use. The RPZ is a trapezoidal area located beyond the end of a runway. Its primary function is to enhance the protection of people and property on the ground. The FAA requires that the airport own or control the area of land encompassed by the RPZ to keep it clear of incompatible activities. Land uses prohibited from the RPZ are residences and places of public assembly, including churches, schools, hospitals, office buildings, shopping centers, and other uses with similar concentrations of people.

Between 1983 and 1985, a privately-owned parcel was subdivided into fourteen lots and developed for residential housing. Duplexes and other minor structures were constructed on the lots in 1985. Each duplex consists of two residences, all of which are currently occupied. Six of the fourteen lots lie within the subject RPZ. The 2006 General Aviation Master Plan for the Lake Hood Seaplane Base identifies a project for acquiring these properties. The acquisition may involve eminent domain and condemnation proceedings.

#### **Proposed Action**

The DOT&PF proposes to purchase six parcels of property which lie within the RPZ. The existing structures are to be removed and the foundations backfilled. All disturbed areas would be revegetated in accordance with FAA guidelines. The DOT&PF would purchase the properties

at fair market value and relocate all residents in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. The Uniform Act provides for fair and equitable treatment of persons whose property will be acquired or who will be displaced because of programs or projects financed with Federal funds. Preliminary discussions with the Municipality of Anchorage indicate that a re-zoning action would not be required.

### **Public Outreach**

A public meeting will be held on Thursday March 25, 2010, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the DOT&PF Main Conference Room at 4111 Aviation Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. Additionally, new information related to this project will be posted on the Anchorage International Airport project website (<http://dot.alaska.gov/anc/index.shtml>). If you would like to receive additional information via email, please provide your email address to Wolfgang Junge, P.E., DOT&PF Project Manager, at [wolfgang.junge@alaska.gov](mailto:wolfgang.junge@alaska.gov). You will receive email notices as new information becomes available and is posted to the project website.

### **Environmental Documentation**

The DOT&PF is in the process of completing an environmental assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). To ensure that all factors are considered in the development of the environmental document, please provide your written comments and/or recommendations to our office no later than March 25, 2010.

Should you have any questions on the engineering aspects of the proposed project contact Wolfgang Junge, P.E., Project Manager, at 269-0608. If you have any questions on the environmental effects, contact Angela Hunt, Environmental Impact Analyst, at 269-0529 or via email at [angela.hunt@alaska.gov](mailto:angela.hunt@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

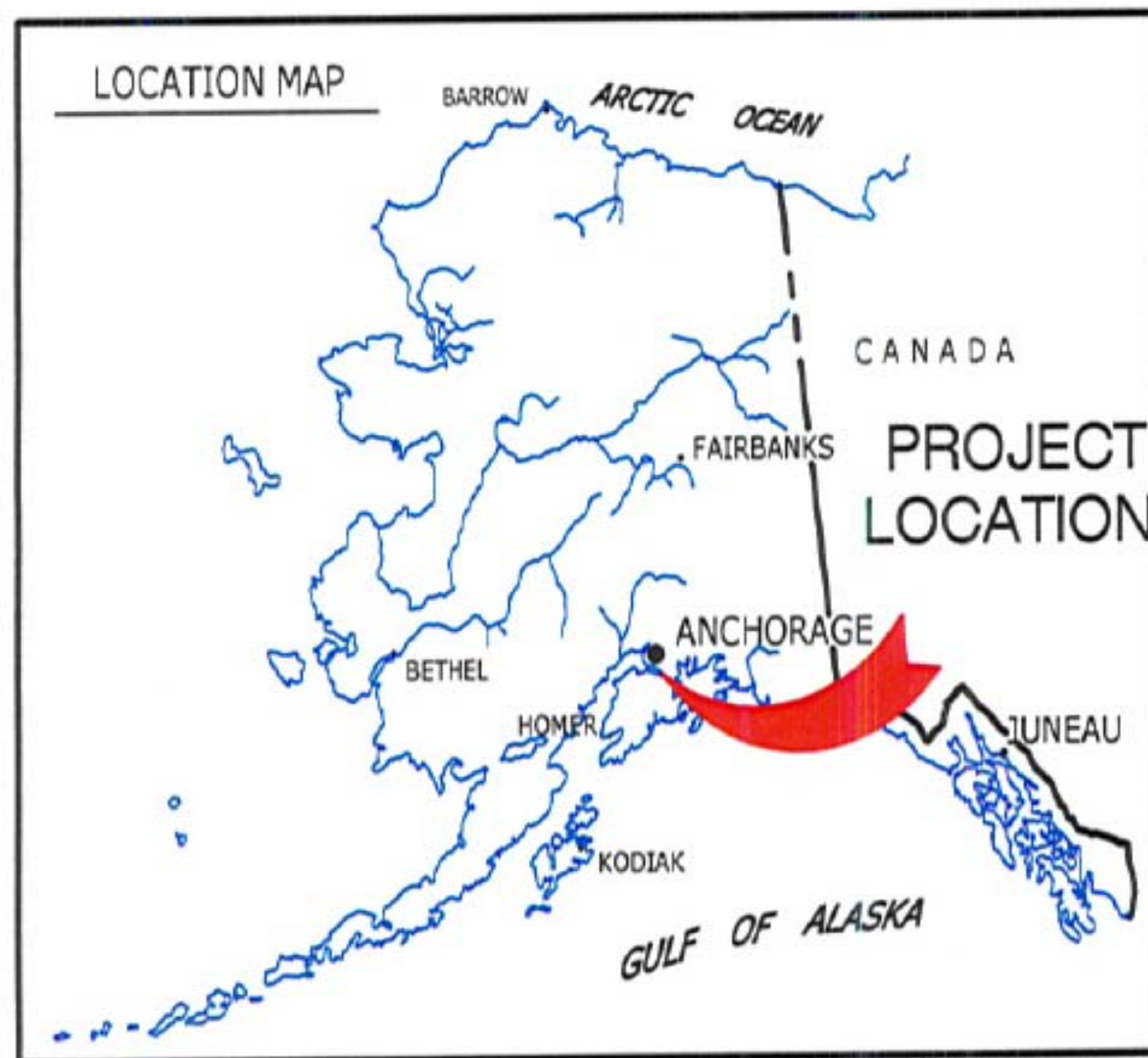
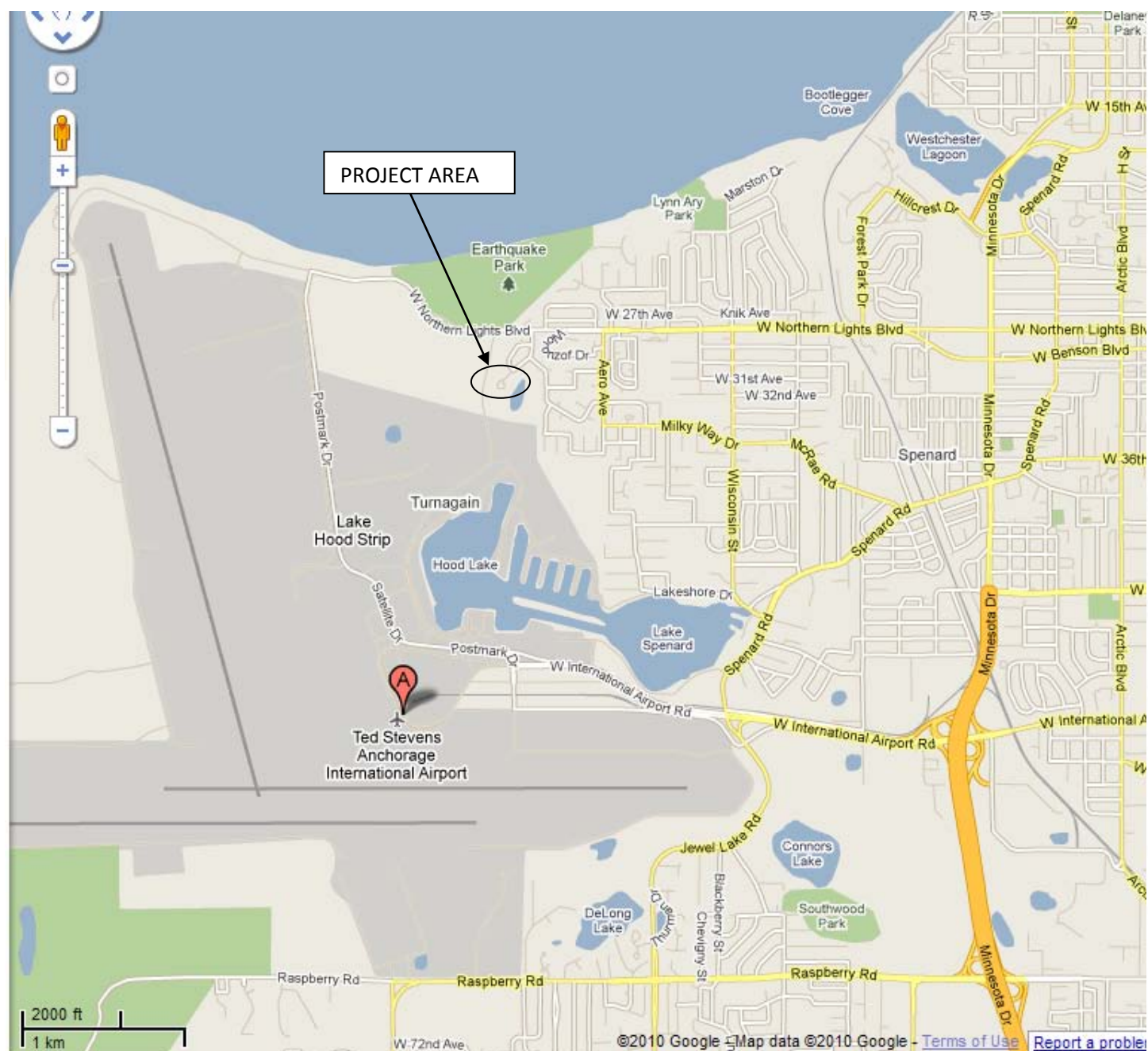


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Enclosures: Figure 1-Location and Vicinity map  
Figure 2-Properties w/in RPZ

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Bruce Greenwood, FAA Environmental Protection Specialist  
Eric Helmes, FAA Project Manager



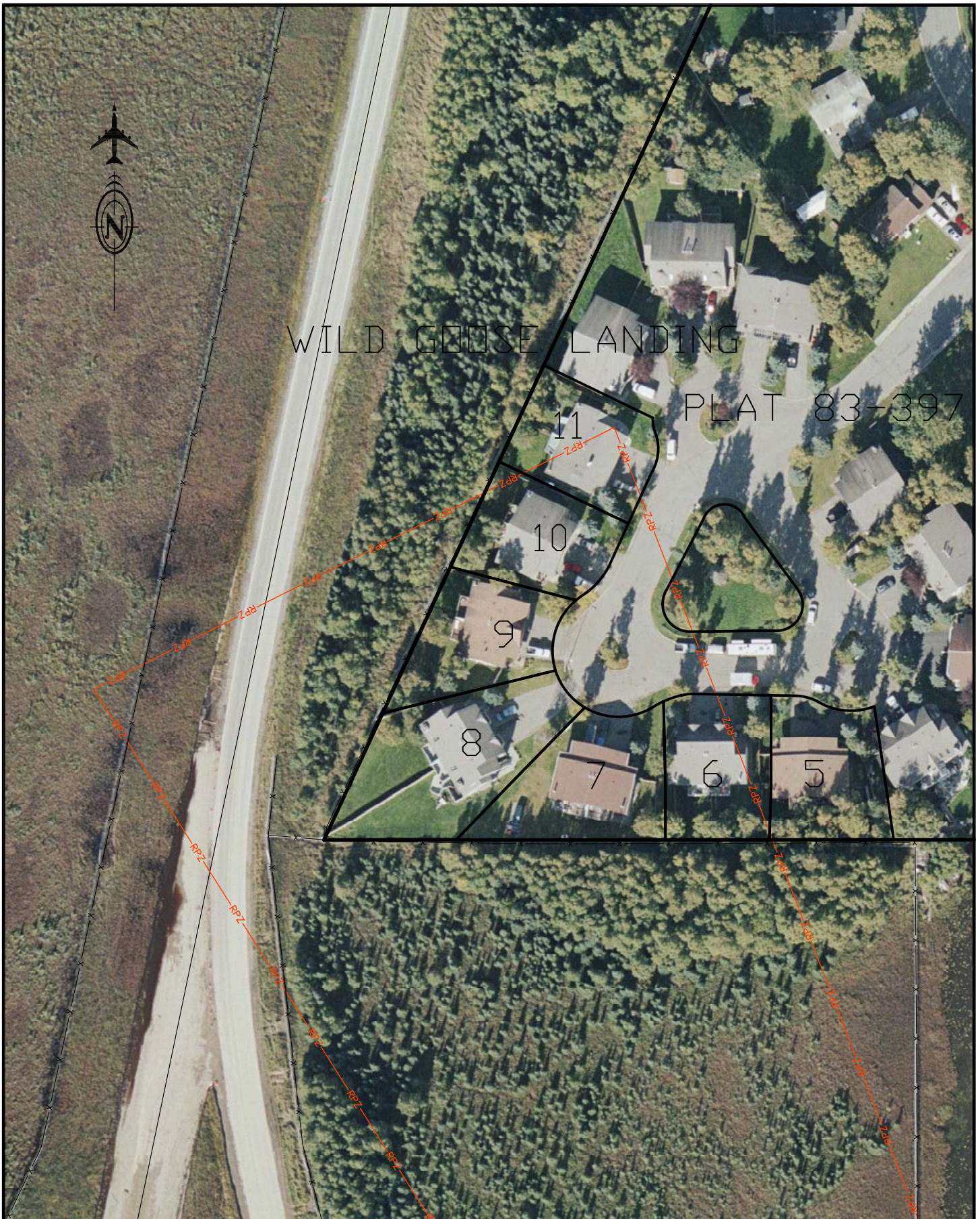


Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC)  
AKSAS 52336

Lake Hood Strip (Rwy 13-31)  
Runway Protection Zone (RPZ)  
Wendy's Way Property Acquisition

**FIGURE 1 - LOCATION & VICINITY MAP**





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Properties within RPZ  
on Wendy's Way

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